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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 99F-0487]

Exxon Chemical Co.; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Exxon Chemical Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of fatty acids, C<sub>10-13</sub>-branched, vinyl esters as a comonomer in polymers used as components of adhesive formulations intended for use in contact with food.

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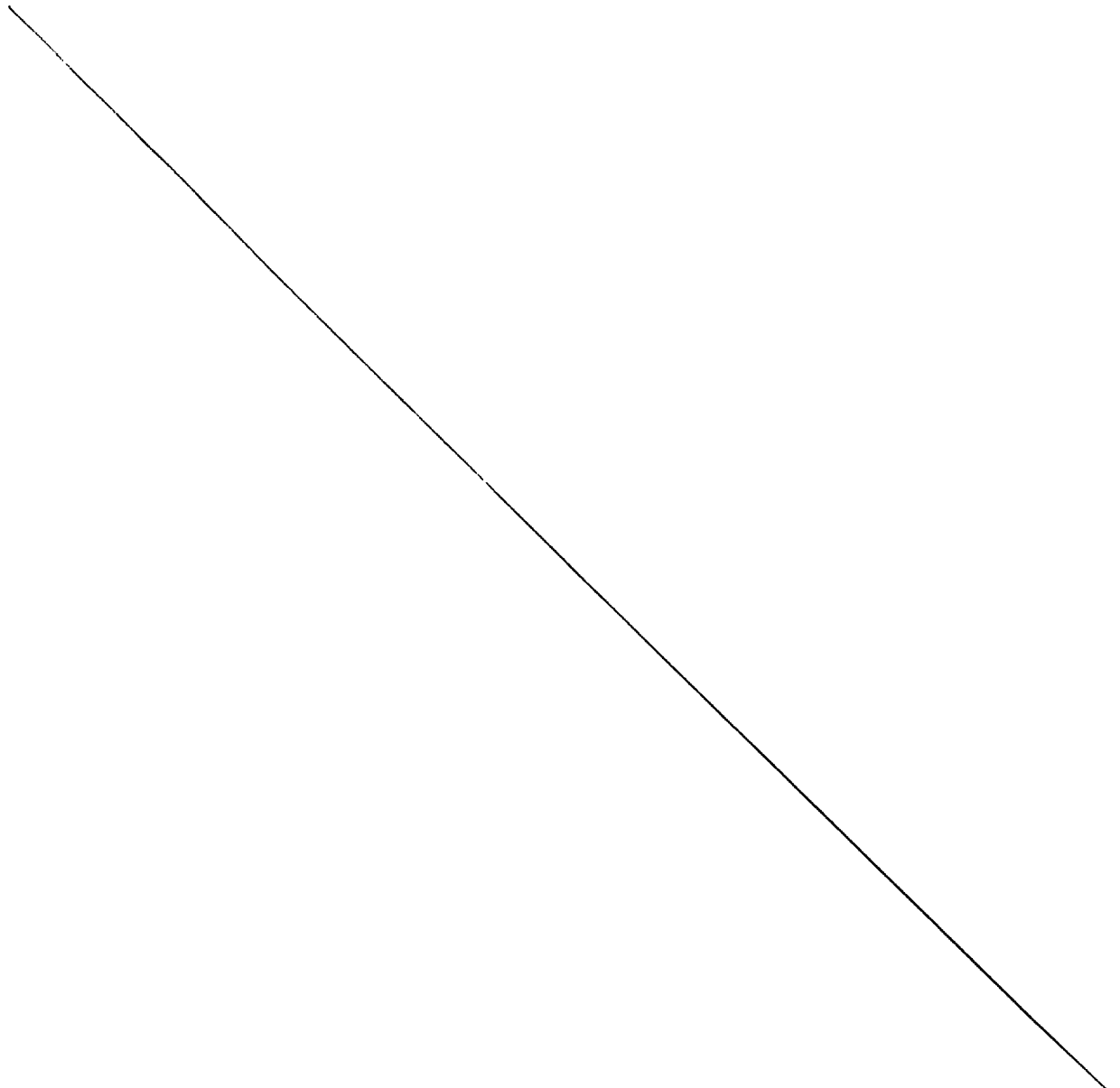
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 9B4650) has been filed by Exxon Chemical Co., P.O. Box 3272, Houston, TX 77253-3272. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in S 175.105 Adhesives (21 CFR 175.105) to provide for the safe use of fatty acids, C<sub>10-13</sub>-branched, vinyl

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The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the type that does not individually or



cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: March 5, 1999  
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